

**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Friday, January 26, 2017  
9:04 a.m. – 3:56 p.m.  
Omni Parker Hotel  
60 School Street, Boston MA 02108**

**Members of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education Present:**

**Paul Sagan**, Chair, Cambridge  
**James Morton**, Vice-Chair, Boston  
**Katherine Craven**, Brookline  
**Ed Doherty**, Boston  
**Amanda Fernandez**, Belmont  
**Margaret McKenna**, Boston  
**Michael Moriarty**, Holyoke  
**James Peyser**, Secretary of Education  
**Mary Ann Stewart**, Lexington  
**Hannah Trimarchi**, Chair, Student Advisory Council, Marblehead  
**Martin West**, Newton

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Chair Sagan called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and the members introduced themselves. Chair Sagan noted that Mitchell Chester served as Commissioner with dignity and success, and that we are all saddened by his death. He said Commissioner Chester would have wanted the Board to turn its attention to selecting a new commissioner in order to move forward with critically important work. Chair Sagan acknowledged the work of the staff of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, noting in particular the important contributions of Acting Commissioner Wulfson. Chair Sagan summarized the process the Board followed to conduct the search for a new commissioner.

Secretary Peyser thanked Chair Sagan for his leadership in the process of selecting a new commissioner.

At 9:15 a.m., Penny Schwinn joined the meeting to be interviewed by the Board. Ms. Schwinn responded to the Board's questions, and made a presentation to the Board.

At 11:30 a.m., Chair Sagan called for a short break. The Board reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

At 11:52 a.m., Angelica Infante-Green joined the meeting to be interviewed by the Board. Ms. Infante-Green responded to the Board's questions, and made a presentation to the Board.

At 1:42 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch. The Board reconvened at 2:35 p.m. Chair Sagan reminded Board members that the Board would convene on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Malden to select a new commissioner. Chair Sagan also reminded members of the public that

if they would like to provide comments on the candidates, they should complete the available form and give it to Helene Bettencourt by noon on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

At 2:37 p.m., Jeffrey Riley joined the meeting to be interviewed by the Board. Mr. Riley responded to the Board's questions, and made a presentation to the Board.

The Board's interview questions are attached. A video of the interviews is available at: <https://livestream.com/accounts/22459134/events/8025991>.

**On a motion duly made and seconded, it was:**

**VOTED:       that the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adjourn the meeting at 3:56 p.m., subject to the call of the Chair.**

The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Wulfson  
Acting Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education  
and Secretary to the Board